

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. I believe the FCC's past efforts at deregulation have been enormously harmful to the public interest. Its past actions indicate that the FCC has confused increased mega-corporation profits with the public interest. In fact, they are in direct conflict. The proposed rule changes would make a very bad situation much worse. They should be firmly rejected.

In order to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, the FCC should not enact the changes to the current media ownership rules now in question. The existing rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry. No public purpose would be served by allowing media ownership to be concentrated in even fewer hands. Even if the major corporations avidly seek such deregulation, the resulting restriction in choice of viewpoints would not benefit the public. Is the FCC working on behalf of the entire population of the U.S., or just a few large corporations? Unfortunately, the answer is obvious for everyone to see.

There is no possible justification for the proposed rule changes, other than the impending increase in corporate profits. America would be a more informed country if the broadcast ownership rules were to revert to the pre-Reagan rules. We now have news that sounds like Pravda. Please don't make it worse. Please reject the proposed rule changes.

Sincerely,

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